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Enclosure 1, RUMIA: This field is located on the northwestern outskirts of the town of Rumia. It is a grass field without runways. Its measurements are roughly 1,300 m. x 900 m. The NW and SE edges of the field are lined with bushes four feet high. There is a row of trees along the western half of the field's southern border.

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This field was formerly under the control of civilian authorities. However, in 1948 or 1949, the field was taken over by the Naval Air Division as a gunnery range.

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- LEGEND POINT 1. Barracks: for permanent detail of 5-10 sailors. They are responsible for the upkeep of the field. It is a wooden building, 10 x 5 x 3 m.
2. Ruins of a hangar: was destroyed by the Germans during their retreat through the area.
3. Civilian church.
4. Civilian church.
5. Four wooden automobile targets. They were used for strafing practice by fighters and attack aircraft.
6. Five wooden tanks. They were used for strafing runs by YAK-9-P fighters with 23 mm. cannons.
7. Four targets: six by six meters square, of plowed earth. They were mainly used by attack planes for strafing runs.

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8. Two targets: six by twelve meters, same conditions as above.

[redacted] the Naval Air Division did not conduct firing exercises with air-to-ground rockets although they had 75 mm. and 100 mm. rockets available to them.

[redacted] all of the pilots were aware of the necessity to develop their proficiency through practice and all wondered why they were never permitted to fire them.

[redacted] the firing exercises at Rumia for these craft [redacted] generally was conducted in the following manner:

- (1) Control officer arrived with a radio van and stationed himself at advantage point.
- (2) Permanent personnel of the range were placed in vantage points to keep civilians out of impact area.
- (3) Control officer verified course and speed of wind. He would place a large white T on ground to indicate the direction of the wind to the aircraft.
- (4) When the above arrangements had been completed he would notify the division commander at Oksywie via radio that he was prepared to receive aircraft.
- (5) Informed aircraft by radio of the wind's speed.
- (6) Fired one green rocket to signify commencement of exercise.
- (7) Acted as safety officer to inform planes whether or not preceding plane had cleared danger area. He also kept track of number of passes by each aircraft. It was his responsibility to designate the targets for each run.
- (8) At the completion of exercise he would fire a red rocket. The control officer verified the number of hits on each target. Upon his return to Oksywie he would receive a report on ammunition expended and compute the percentage of hits. The average score was usually 50%. Firing runs were usually made from a SSW direction.

Enclosure 2, Wrzeszcz: [redacted] this is a small field WNW of Gdansk on the northern outskirts of the town of Wrzeszcz. It is a civilian field under the control of the PLL-LOT (government airline of the Ministry of Communications). This airline uses the Douglas C-47 Dakotas. Approximately 12 flights a day are flown to Szczecin, Lodz, Warsaw, and Poznan, six early in the morning and six in the evening. The Polish Naval Air Division utilized this field only in the event that inclement weather closed down the field at Oksywie. Runway #1 has a length of approximately 2,000 m., a width of 60 m., and a concrete thickness of 15 cm. Runway #2 is 2,000 m. long, 80 m. wide and a 15 cm. thickness of concrete. Runway #2 has runway lights for night flying. The flight approach to runway #2 is dangerous due to the location of the bridge SW of the runway. The woods near the SE end of the runway are approximately eight meters high. A hill 50 m. high is located at the approach to runway #1. [redacted] in view of these obstacles it was too dangerous for jet aircraft to use this field.

Comment: [redacted]

[redacted] the authorities are having difficulties in the production of this type of ordnance.

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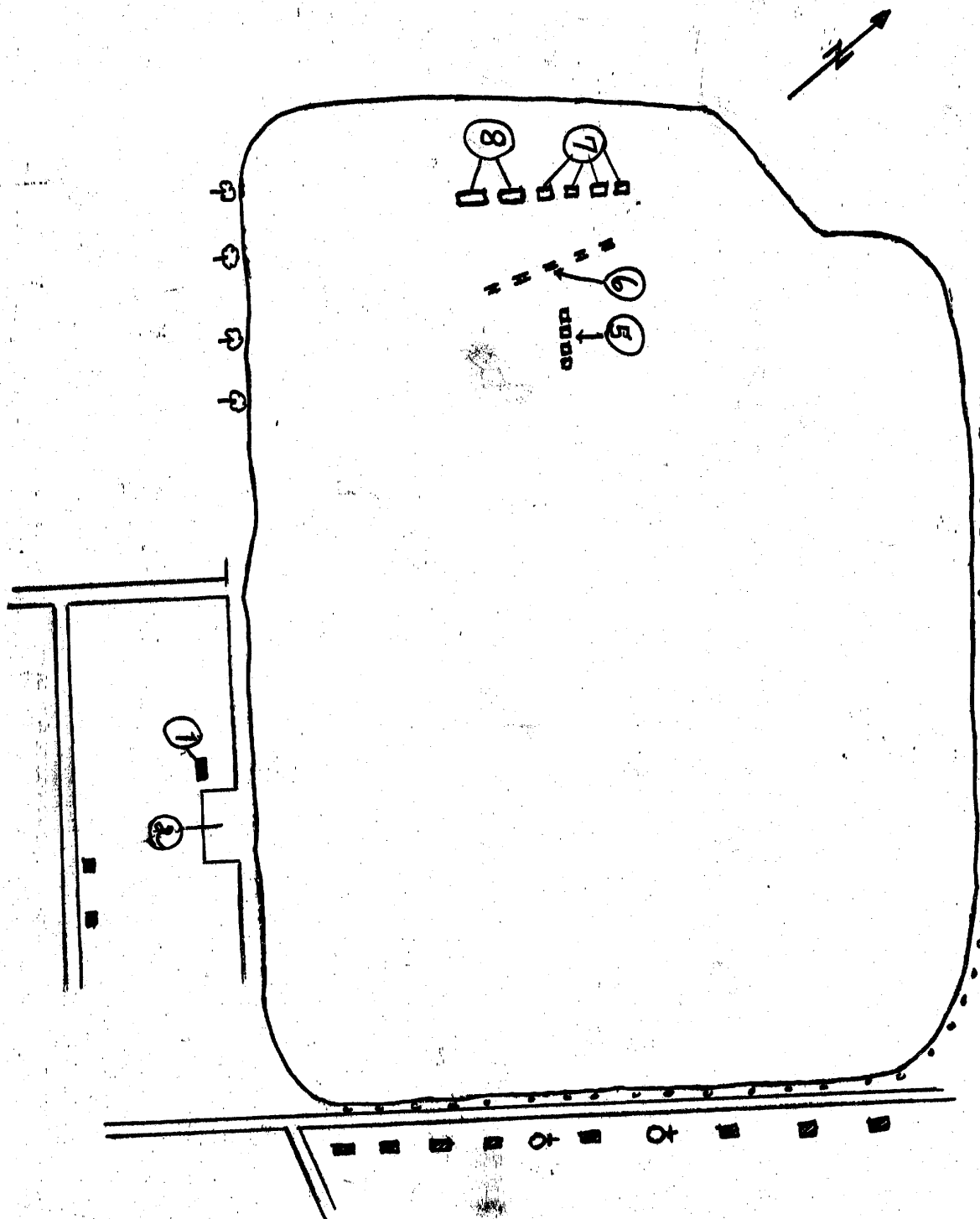
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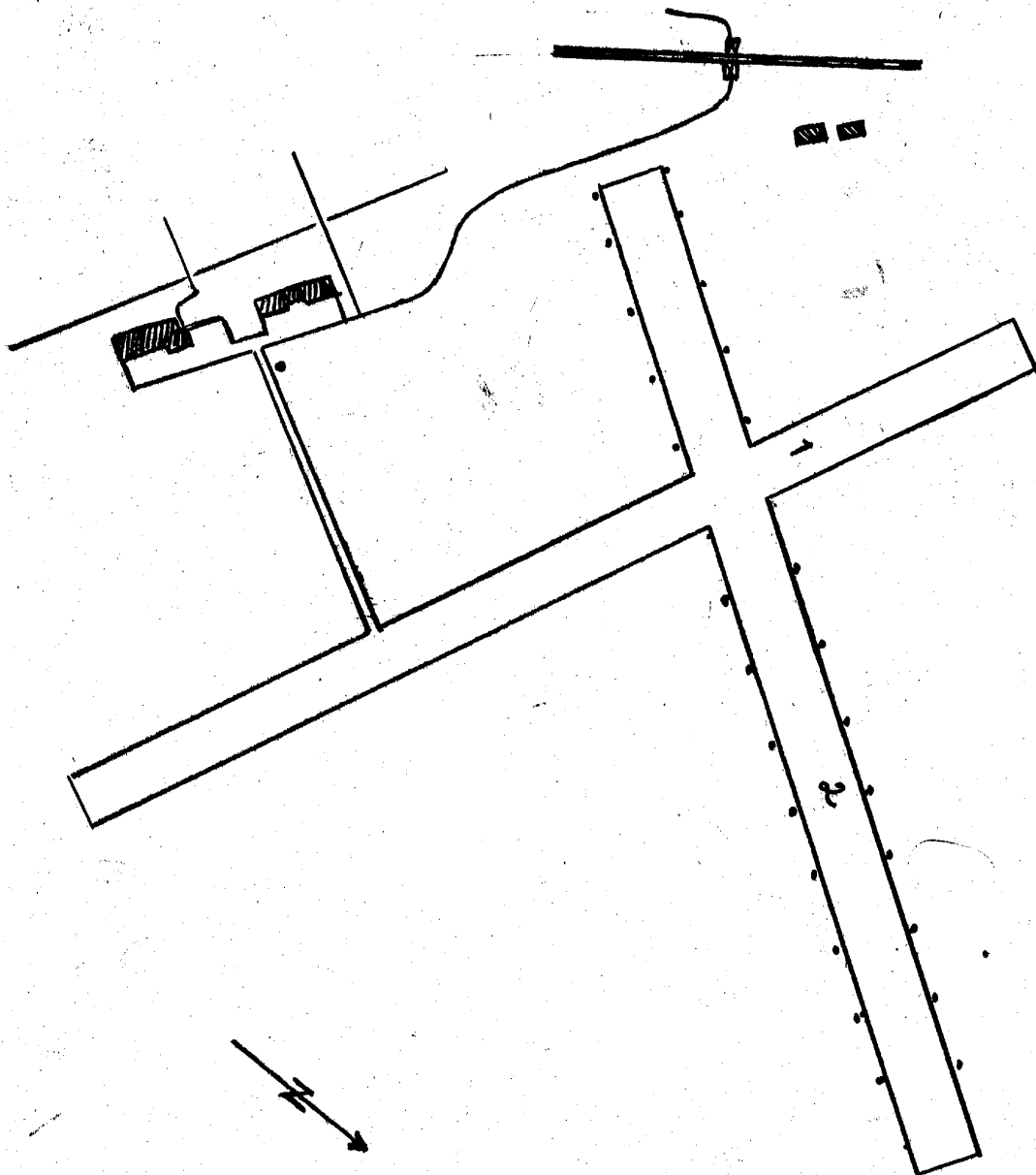
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